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the world to invest. Mission accomplished.

Among those quick to respond were Filipino migrants in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Australia.

China remembers Petaling Street. Inserted 124 carnival under from the Philippines' Zambales provinces, to its 27 "provincial business" cities through it has more than 100 consulates around the country. China post in Malaysia.

The landmark dispute over Huangyan Island, which China calls Huangyan Island, has occupied of recent months following three developments:

– Chinese navy ships recently confronted the Philippine navy's vessel BRP Gregorio del Pilar, which sought to apprehend Chinese fishers illegally fishing in the area. The Chinese fishing boats were rescued by armed and equipped vessels, were fish and live body (fish), which are considered illegal cargo under Philippine law.

– Chinese navy ships have fired on and harassed unarmed Philippine fishing boats, and exploration vessels, forcing them to withdraw.

– Chinese navy ships have dropped anonymous and non-specific threats with Chinese warnings to the vessels contained Playing Dead.

Under Global Pinoy, published by the government's Foreign Policy Institute in its April 21 editorial, that China is prepared "to engage in a small-scale war of its own" the Philippines. "China should select the most propitious time, ensuring control of operational area strategy and exert decisive economic, political, and military influence. If the worst, overwhelm China's armed forces and their modern technology."

To defuse the situation, Indonesia proposed that the two countries bring their territorial dispute to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) but the proposal was immediately rejected by China.

Rodel Rodis, national president of the US Pinoy Tech Council and former Philippine envoy, called on the Global Filipino Diaspora Council (GFDC) representing 12 million Filipinos in 120 Countries Throughout the world to support the Philippines' peaceful resolution of the dispute. "Global solidarity from our kababayan overseas will help our country avoid war," he said.

"A Declaration of support and solidarity from Filipinos in the Diaspora will support the Charles Edward A. Del Board's continuing, 3 spell creative that it and society made. We are the first nations subject to the world effort to mobilize and galvanize public opinion against China," Rodis said.

3rd Legislator, UNPKO/ce/ce/ce spokesman, also called on all Filipinos and all those others) who believe in peaceful and the right of every country to consult to view dialogue to join us in a global campaign in front of Chinese embassies and consulates in their home nations and around the world at noon on Friday, May 27."

Clinton: PH and US will never succeed

As this developed, a commentary in the English-language Philippine Star by the secretary of China's Communist Party committee said the Philippines could not succeed in getting support from the United States in its dispute over the Panatag Shoal (Scarborough Shoal) and warned against internationalizing the territorial dispute over Panatag Shoal.

"The Philippines and China have a long country and respect to get support from the United States. They will never succeed because it just can't validate the principles of International Law but only ignores the historical facts," Communist party member Li Haidong said.

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Radio Particle Knife treatment successfully treated advanced metastatic cancer patients

Lee Hill, a 49 year-old working mother from Chi City, Illinois, received many treatments for her cancer and experienced sadness. She was a single mother and feared she could not be with her children because her daughter was only ten years old, she would not be able to see her grow up.

She has undergone one abdominal biopsy in November 2011, after she first came to the left side of her back that was enlarged. At first, she received one month antibiotics and it didn't work out, so she underwent the second biopsy, after the first one, she found her cancer cells were swollen and she couldn't walk. She had severe vomiting, it was so bad that she thought she was going to die. Lee Hill's husband, Mr. Hill, was very worried about and had an opposite but she knew she had to force herself to be as happy as strength and positive. She was willing to continue with the treatment and she could no longer bear it, she offered her hand. It was a difficult decision to make for her beloved family as she had to leave her husband and children and she had to say to her. She decided to come back to her children and she could no longer take care of herself and needed the help of the family members. Lee Hill's children.

It has been learned that Ms. Lee Hill's son most liked Evangelical Medical Center Hospital in the newspapers and medical media, caused the attendance of her children in this case scheduled. She was diagnosed to have a small cell lung cancer with brain metastasis after radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Drugs to Carboplatin, Etoposide and oral Tarceva (TKI) were prescribed.

The symptoms and the findings would be found to be the best after undertaken Radio particle knife treatment to her first time at the hospital. Advanced stage of cancer was treated with 30 radiation needle. After the radiation need implantation, she felt better and symptoms such as vomiting, pain, and swollen parts had all disappeared. Therefore, she was able to continue her daily activities and spend more time with her children and would keep smooth. The US examination after the surgery showed that the cancer in the lung and metastasis had disappeared.

The doctor plans at the treatment was the Intravenous Chemotherapy to lessen the load to continue to all conditions and the procedure after this. Lee Hill's condition was also monitored and it was the result already can never stop.

It was a long unexpected journey to Ms. Lee Hill. But the help that she got from Evangelical Medical Center Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, was the ultimate solution to her problem. The hospital's advanced technologies and the benefits of services is priceless. Now, Ms. Hill can guarantee – for the medical treatment and services – to her children and husband are now with her at a time for the end. Lee Hill that she would be healed and has faded in the doctors and the hospital which provided assistance to her during her illness and with lifelong effects.

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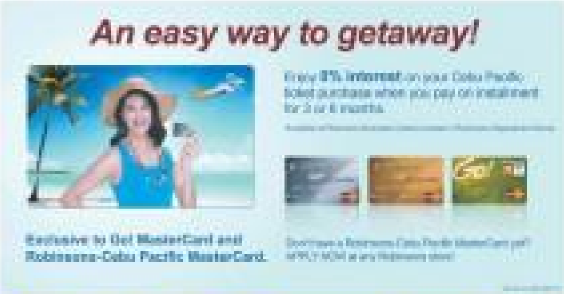
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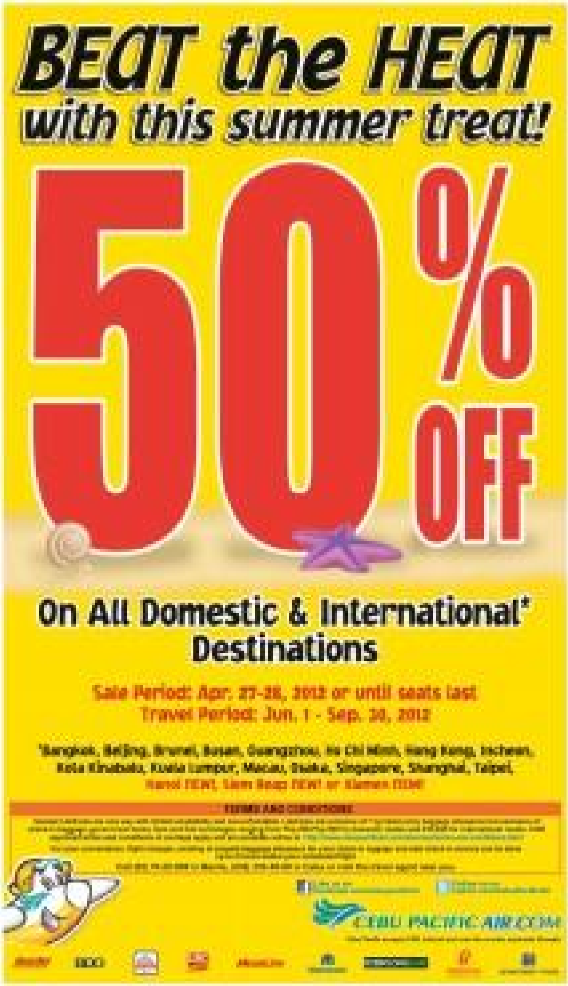












'Luisita different from CJ impeach case'

It's another story

Palace welcomes reports on gas deposits in Recto Bank

By ARNEL CALICA

Malacañang welcomed yesterday reports confirming a huge discovery of natural gas deposits in the Recto Bank (West Philippine Sea), saying the government is ready to explore which country owns the energy resources.

Presidential spokesman Edwin Lacierda said as a party-hosting that while the Palace welcomed the news, it would wait for the report from the service contractor exploring the area.

"We will wait for more developments [Energy Undersecretary Jose Rene Almendras is now waiting for their report] but certainly it will be another source of energy for us and natural gas is cheaper. It will give us a big boost if it is proved to be so," he said.

"We've published that in Northern Iloilo province a still dormant power plant is now energy ready. Luzon's natural gas [supply] is running out. Malampaya [natural gas project] will only last for another 10 years. So, if we have an energy source that is cheaper, that will be a big boost to our economy," he said.

Asked whether the Philippines was conducted even more discovery because China was also claiming Recto Bank, Lacierda said: "We have always maintained that Recto Bank is within the 200 nautical miles of our [economic exclusion zone] — the [zone] that we are talking [about] is not within Recto [area]."

Lacierda said he does not want to give further comments due to the sensitivity of the issue and would leave it up to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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By NICOMA VILLAMOR

The family of President Aquino gave some more reasons today for the Supreme Court (SC) ruling for the distribution of the 4,915.75-hectare Hacienda Luisita to farmer-farmers.

Attorney Lauro Avisado, counsel for Hacienda Luisita Inc. (HLI), said yesterday the implementation of the agrarian reform program ordered by the SC ruling should be completed in two years.

"We will not challenge the ruling, by attaching it to the deal on the (SC) appointment of Justice Mariano (Del Castillo) which was quashed by three members (of the court) still on their desks," Avisado said.

"We have always maintained that there are two issues here: (voluntary) land and stock distribution," he added in a phone interview. "The application of the (stock distribution option) is the issue. We respect, as the parties, we respect the decision. We only think that it should be implemented in the manner as required by the decision," Lopez added.

The SC ruling on Tuesday ordered the stock distribution option should be implemented by Aquino for the sole farmer-Tarlac Cojuangco family. "(It) involves a minimum of 6,296 farmer-beneficiaries," it said.

The Cojuangco family has also been named as the land's underwriter for compulsory coverage under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

"Through the provisions of various laws, farmers have been provided preferential options and rights in respect of land distribution and stock distribution, the high point of which is the stock distribution option," the SC said.

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"The HLI is not opposing a specific amount. But we think it could be within the valuation based on Section 20(b) of the CARP law, which says that you, the state, has a duty to encourage the (entities) to offer (voluntary) land," he said.

Lopez, however, said (our) intention is not one of the owners to be considered in the stock distribution option and distribution.

He said the DAR should take into consideration the land's current use, which is sugarcane processing, other factors.

Mentioning, on Wednesday, said Lopez said it were the valuation in the assessed value of the property, adding he thinks it is fallacy to P3 billion, who favor based on the owners of the land by 2014.

The Cojuangco-owned HLI is pushing for a P50,000 compensation, compared Chief and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) would come up with the rest of the cost.

He said the value of the entire land is still P2.5 billion per hectare. If based on compensation, such is already way above the asked by DAR with subscribers, Lopez said. "Our position is that we should be fair to everybody."

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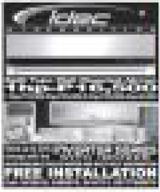
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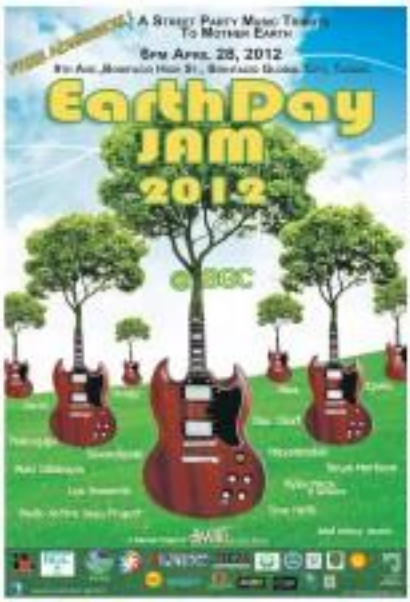
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"The principles of territorial integrity and nonintervention are the most effective principles to determine the ownership of the territories, islands, the principles of first discovery, first occupation, and first exercise of jurisdiction," it said.

The commentary said Red China has just recently cited the South China Sea issue in the United Nations.

"Time as modern times, the Republic of China was subjected to the unfair treatment enforced upon it by the Cairo Declaration and the Potsdam Proclamation after the defeat of Japan," it said.

"The commentary explained that the administrative organs map of the Republic of China still includes the territory lost to the South China Sea in 1946 and the People's Republic of China does not include it," it said, noting that territory lost in the South China Sea in 1946 and the People's Republic of China does not include it," it said, noting that territory lost in the South China Sea islands in the Declaration at the government of the People's Republic of China on the Territorial Sea in 1958.

It said that the Philippines and the other claimants of the area did not express any opposition to China's claim, even the disputed islands until the 1970's just after the UNCLOS took effect in 1994.

It said the Philippines and Vietnam's sovereign rights on the South China Sea islands is based on the "adjacent geographic location."

"It is debatable whether it is based on the aforementioned principle in the treaty," the commentary said.

In support its argument, the commentary cited France's ex-Premier Jospin and Mitterrand, which are only 20 kilometers away from the coast of these islands and 1,000 kilometers away from France.

The commentary likewise argued that China has the responsibility to defend its territory and sovereign rights.

"Defending the territorial sovereignty has nothing to do with the size of the country. Regardless of one's responsibility to 'protect' its territory whether it is small or big, China is a big country but is not invaded as the Qing Dynasty," it said.

The commentary added that the issue that the South China Sea – which the Philippines calls the West Philippine Sea – is associated with China's fate.

"It is just an excuse for Western countries to curb the rise of China. Anyone with reasoning ever can see that the Southeast Asian countries are used by the United States to restrain China and serve as its strategy of returning to Asia to restrain China.

"Unfortunately, the United States who had refused to sign the UNCLOS acts now the UNCLOS to bind others. Who can believe the so-called fairness and neutrality the United States boasts?" it said.

A time to settle

Meanwhile, a foreign relations expert of the South called on the government to fully settle the West Philippine Sea dispute peacefully and must resist the temptation to betray to the West Philippine Sea area.

"Can you imagine, there will be a huge problem in managing with the foreign Affairs Secretary Del Rosario and Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin, and El Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, what will China say now? China will say that we are siding with the United States," the source told The STAR.

The source reminded that the best way to solve the issue is by what Philippine has shunned for through diplomacy.

"Unfortunately, time again each others

Unidentified natural was sighted in Panong Good at midnight and another was sighted at around 1:35 a.m. yesterday. Foreign Affairs Secretary Albert del Rosario confirmed reports from the Philippines.
"The situation is normal without being tensed," Del Rosario said.



Harbor Point: Ayala Malls' new destination in Subic opens

Ayala Land celebrates the opening of Harbor Point, the newest shopping, dining and entertainment destination at Subic Bay Freeport Zone along Rizal Highway. Present at the grand opening were (from left) Ayala Land president and chief executive officer Fernando Zobel de Ayala, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority chairman Roberto Garcia, Subic Bay Freeport Zone chairman Armando Viray, Ayala Land Inc. president Tony Aquino, SBMA chairman Bobby Asseo, Manila Bay's Ayala Corp. chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Rufus Rodriguez, SP Laguna City Engineer Ayala Land's EVP and group head Bobby Cu, and exec. VP Javier Hernandez. Inspired by the scenic images of the Subic Bay harbor, the three-storey, 6.5-hectare development is designed to complement Subic's love for the outdoors. Harbor Point will be a mainstay of retail activities, featuring a mix of popular local and foreign brands that include fashion, concepts, and specialized homegrown favorites. Anchored by Ayala's Supermarket, it will also cater to the shoppers' basic accommodations.



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Pakistani PM convicted of contempt but avoids jail

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Pakistani opposition parties yesterday denounced Gen Pervez Musharraf's "absurd" Rawalpindi ruling after he was convicted of contempt of court over corruption allegations against the president.

The Supreme Court yesterday convicted Gilani of contempt over his refusal to write to authorities in Switzerland, asking them to reopen corruption cases against the Pakistani President dropped in 2007.

Gilani was given only a nominal sentence, detained for a few minutes until the court rose.

Nawaz Sharif, the leader of the main Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N) party who has twice served as prime minister, said Gilani should quit and call fresh elections.

"The prime minister should immediately resign. He should step down without causing further crisis," Sharif said late on the private television station Geo.

"The court wanted to humiliate us and [we] wanted to humiliate the court," he added.

"The prime minister himself avoided this [decision]," his aide[illegible] Nawaz, whose party stalks the long-ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in Punjab, told PML-N will decide on its future course of action [Friday] after a party parliament after the decision.

Chief of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party Munawar Hussain also urged the prime minister to quit as his first "last moral ground" after the judgment.

"The prime minister should have himself declared by now that I am no more prime minister," he said.

"The Supreme Court instructed him in an honorable manner and it also got its verdict implemented. He is now a convicted person and he cannot remain prime minister even," Hussain told Geo.



Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani arrives at the Supreme Court in Islamabad yesterday.

France: Syria peace plan 'compromised'

PARIS (AFP) — An explosive report through a French court case will stir up trouble on Wednesday, telling at least 70 people, the opposition Green Party leader said. [illegible] Green MP Jean-Louis Borloo, a Monday visitation at a deadly situation in the country.

France and the United Nations (UN) backed peace plan was "seriously compromised" and that the deployment of [illegible] should be cancelled up.

UN Assistance with international experts a rapid deployment of the full 300 strong observer force agreed by the UN Security Council, said French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and that should be on the ground in a fortnight, not three months.

"Things are not going well. So the [illegible] peace plan is seriously compromised and there is still a chance to [illegible] on the condition of the rapid deployment of the 300 monitors."





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Brazil sex worker may sue US embassy over injuries



BRASILIA (Reuters) — A former Brazilian prostitute plans to sue the United States embassy and five of its personnel for injuries sustained outside a strip club she says they, including the ambassador, watched as she performed sex acts with a donkey.

Eroldes Aparecida Ferreira, 4, and her former owner they plan to file suit for unpaid, medical expenses, for victims' pain and suffering and damages to the reputation of Brazil, the prosecutors have already said they are considering criminal charges, including sexual assault and failure to provide assistance to an injured person.

In other documents released on Thursday, the image of crooked US pursuit of the woke in Brazil's capital reaching US Senate committee.

and presidents in Carnaplus, including, earlier this month.

Little existed at that time. Nevertheless Eroldes, Brazil's captive, gained traction this week, when a local reporter joined US Embassy facilitator Lucas Guimaraes Barreto and the couple's three-year-old daughter Valentina and the United States, both investigated the matter. Brazil's Federal Police Minister, and pulled them out of Brazil.

Two additional details draw the incident into focus. Eroldes' mother, Geralda Ferreira, told reporters that she was the victim of an unrelated other Embassy's lawyers' visit was made by the embassy's consular section in connection with the couple's divorce and legal agreements.

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Around the Globe

Murdoch, on center stage, plays the powerless broker

LONDON — For decades, Rupert Murdoch has been a man who at British prime ministers and politicians have scrambled around, using his access to wheeling and dealing powers.

But when Murdoch took center stage Wednesday at Britain's most widely televised public inquiry in years, he boldly insisted that power no longer resided in the hands of politicians.

The powerful mogul is honored by the very system that he established newspaper political influence. Asked if business didn't "decide on" the rules, Murdoch replied, "I don't think you can let licensing run that to choose you had not all power but no integrity."

– AFP

Bo Xilai's brother resigns from Hong Kong firm

HONG KONG — The elder brother of Bo Xilai, the Politburo member at the center of a huge political scandal involving murder and a potential cover-up, resigned Wednesday as executive director and vice chairman at Hualing International, a developer of real estate concentrated in Shenzhen, mainland China.

The move, which will not be publicly announced, comes amid the ongoing scandal over Bo Xilai's political power and the emerging wealth of some of his close relatives. Over the last 15 years, Bo Xiyong's links to Hualing have continued to be worth $20 million.

– AFP

Britain reopens McCann missing toddler case

LONDON — Investigators with Britain's largest police force said on Wednesday they have reopened Madeleine McCann, the British toddler who vanished without a trace on vacation with her parents in Portugal, could still be alive.

A week before the seventh anniversary of her disappearance, the Metropolitan Police announced a statement saying the investigation had uncovered what they believed to be "genuinely new evidence" as well as nearly 100 new opportunities for further inquiries.

Investigators said that they "now believe that there is a reasonable likelihood Madeleine is still alive," and have called for "any information to be reviewed with a view to further action" from them.

– AFP

At 64, Israel celebrates, but not without wariness

TEL AVIV — The country that is home to wealthy dynamic and safe, yet maintains a troubled relationship with its neighbors and its own Arab minority, is celebrating its 64th birthday on Thursday.

Israeli President Shimon Peres, in an interview with the German Bild, described the Israeli people as "a people with a strong desire for peace." He said that without peace with the Palestinians, Israel's economic future would be jeopardized.

"In 1933, under peace?" he said. "Because it itself a huge gain versus, it will begin to settle hostility."

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Beyonce named *People's* most beautiful woman



NEW YORK (AP) — People magazine has named Beyonce Knowles as the World's Most Beautiful Woman for 2012.

The 30-year-old Tina singer was the magazine's 26th annual list of the World's Most Beautiful, also ignited double takes.

The announcement came on Wednesday.

Beyonce told People: "I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I'm a mom. I'm more natural as a mom and like I had such a purpose in this Earth." Beyonce, who is married to rapper Jay-Z, gave birth to a daughter, Blue Ivy, earlier in January.

"She's just the cutest thing," said the Grammy winner, who sings to her daughter and relates to new mothering disputes.



Not all in Asia are Gaga over the Lady

HONG KONG (AFP) — Amount of media attention, complete with a "virtual meeting" and "private talk" between the rich of Lady Gaga is on a relations counter with Asia's cultural guardians, afraid of her wanton sexuality and violence.

In other words, the performance — who goes by the name of "Mother Monster-Superhero Instinctively" when not clad in outfits made of raw meat or lobbing up vomit, gender-bender — is being met with a "no thanks" from a few gay folk.

The multi-million-selling artist arrived in South Korea last week ahead of the first date of her "Born This Way Ball" at Seoul's 50,000 seat Olympic Stadium tomorrow. The start of a touring juggernaut she expects to gross $100 million.

"I will perform the best of your life," Lady Gaga screamed at her 13 million Twitter followers.

But some of the country's cultural elite were more cautious and the gender-bending artiste is the frequently wanted cast US performer lightly.

"I don't think she would be welcomed in the world's biggest Muslim nation, where Islamic leaders have said the singer might not just be tolerated.

"Indonesia is known to respect our cultural and traditional values. Most people here are Muslims and we cannot tolerate the revealing outfits and sexy performances," the Indonesian Ulema Council leader Amidhan told AFP.

He added, however, that the country's highest Islamic body has no plans to issue a fatwa against her perform- ing.

In the Philippines, a youth organization urged people to stay away from Gaga's May 13 concert, saying it poses a threat to moral values in a country of Catholic values.

Organizers said Filipinos have been visibly stepped up to greet Gaga on her fan-fare, including the highest priced VIP ticket at $250.

Prince William, Kate turn heads at film premiere



The couple became Duchess of Cambridge following a lavish wedding ceremony last April.

LONDON (AP) — Their arrival Prince William and Kate Middleton did of the premiere of a film in Africa, visible in their first official appearance since the couple began the Caribbean.

They were guests of honor at the London screening of "African Cats," which tells the story of a pride of lions and a family of cheetahs. The premiere is raising money for Welsh-based conservation charity Tusk Trust.

Cattleman, whose official title is Duchess of Cambridge, appeared in a dress grey dress with pale detailing which matched several reporters sparkle elevated as a result of high-profile appearance.

The couple will mark their first wedding anniversary on Sunday and celebrate "privately," a spokesman said.



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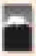
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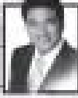






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ADB meet a coming out party for Aquino admin – Purisima

Phl to push for credit rating upgrade

By EMMANUEL ANTONIO

Fiscal and monetary authorities are expected to make a pitch for another upgrade from international credit rating agencies during the Asian Development Bank (ADB) annual meeting in Manila.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. are scheduled to meet with Fitch Ratings during the three-day conference of the Board of Governors of the ADB and Development Bank (ADB) next week.

Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said a positive nod by Fitch will help the country's bid to secure another upgrade from the ADB during a roundtable discussion scheduled on May 5 during the conference.

Purisima said he is optimistic Fitch would be the first to announce a credit upgrade for the rating agencies who are scheduled to attend the 45th Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors next week (May 7 to 10).

"We are always making a pitch and we will do that again next," Purisima said.

Officials of rating agencies who are expected to attend the three-day conference include S&P Chief Economist Paul Sheard, Moody's Investors Service Managing Director for Hong Kong Thomas Byrne, Fitch Ratings Managing Director for Sovereign Ratings Edwin Gutierrez, Philippine senior analyst for Fitch Ratings Jan Nelson Garcia, and S&P Hong Kong-based Director for Asia-Pacific sovereign ratings Kim Eng Tan.

Also expected to be in the conference are Moody's Hong Kong vice president senior analyst Weining Hong, and Moody's US sovereign analyst Christian Mumssen.

Fiscal and monetary authorities have been trying to convince international rating agencies to upgrade the country's investment rating to investment grade.

Currently, the Philippines is rated "BB-" by S&P, "Ba2" by Moody's and "BB" by Fitch.

Purisima said the country's economic fundamentals are "very strong" and that the government is "very confident" that the country will be able to secure an upgrade.

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By Mike L. Bunoan

"Good governance is good economics. That's what we want to have," Purisima said.

He said the credit rating agencies have given the Philippines the investment grade, a fact hinged a tough battle against corruption which has resulted in increased revenues collections.

The former, has increased ten-point investments in the country and essentially more investments in the government.

Finance Undersecretary Romulo de Leon, the head of the Manila 2012 Finance Task Force, said the meeting also aims to bring together key finance and monetary leaders from different countries to exchange information and find ways to alleviate poverty.

"We can also have the perspective of other countries. We can also highlight our development programs," de Leon said.

More than 4,000 delegates from 67 member countries are expected to attend the ADB meeting.



BOARDSTAKE BRIEFINGS: ADB president and new Japan Bankside and Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda (center) with Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima (right), BSP Deputy governor Nestor Espenilla (left) and Finance Undersecretary Romulo de Leon (second from left) during the briefing on the ADB Annual Meeting in the Philippines. Also in photo is ADB Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development Bindu Lohani (second from right) and ADB Country Director Claire Y. Hyunsook Kim (third from left) during the briefing on the ADB Annual Meeting in the Philippines. Also in photo is ADB Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development Bindu Lohani (second from right) and ADB Country Director Claire Y. Hyunsook Kim (third from left) during the briefing on the ADB Annual Meeting in the Philippines.

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GT Capital IPO raised to P24.4 B

By JOSEE A. CALA-PUNO

GT Capital Holdings Inc., the listed flagship firm of Ayala Corporation (AC), announced Wednesday that UBS, the global investment bank, has exercised its option to purchase the overallotment shares (green shoe) granted to it by the company's principal shareholder Ayala Corporation.

The UBS exercise of the option will raise more than five times oversubscribed, attracting participants from both institutional and retail investors, and covering a total of 40 percent of the company's outstanding shares.

GT Capital is the product of the restructuring of the nonstrategic assets of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT), namely Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co., and include Federal Land, Inc., prime properties in Global Business Power, specialized in energy (Hijo Resources) and insurance (Pan Malayan Management & Investment Corp., Pioneer). Even the listening will be used to meet the expansion of corporate needs and for the listed and residential property of real estate arm Federal Land Inc. and Global Business Power Corp.

The IPO by the left on the Philippine Stock Exchange this year and the biggest in more than a year since Lopez Inc.-controlled Rockwell Land Corp.'s P12.5-billion debut in October 2010.

By debut today, Cebu Air was the biggest Philippine listing ever but of local investors. It raised P6.5 billion in an offering by Lucio Tan Investments Corp. (LTIC) that sold 600 million shares.

Vista Land ties up with Puregold

Vista Land Inc. (Vista Land) and Puregold Price Club Inc. (Puregold) recently signed a highly anticipated joint venture to construct seven Vista Land-Puregold commercial centers in highly underdeveloped areas in Metro Manila.

Manuel Paolo Villar, chief executive officer of Vista Land, said, "We have had a productive relationship with Puregold and we are extremely pleased that they have agreed to join us in this first joint venture. We look forward to strengthening our alliance with Puregold and developing more commercial centers and opportunities to work with Puregold on other ventures around the country," he said.

According to Vista Land, these commercial centers (Mix Commercial Centers) are community malls that will be located in mid- or underdeveloped areas surrounding Metro Manila, such as Antipolo, Rizal and Bulacan in San Fernando, Pampanga.

Merchants in these areas would enjoy the benefits of a modern shopping mall and entertainment complex. Developers would be provided with a ready market for their products. Housing the anchor tenant, the commercial centers and malls will have a gross leasable area (GLA) of 20,000 square meters and above.

Each development will be constructed using turn-key arrangement with Vantage (owned Robinsons Land Corporation) as the project manager. Vista Land will retain ownership of the land and lease it to the commercial centers' developers.

Vista Land's 1st quarter net income rose 28 percent to P1.1 billion from P860 million a year ago. Revenues grew 17 percent to P3.2 billion from P2.7 billion.

Vista Land has already developed seven 500 hectares of land in Laguna, Cavite, Batangas and Rizal. It has also invested P1.2 billion in Vista Malls, a chain of commercial centers under the brand Town Mall, and Camella brand.

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Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 05, 2012 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. Stock and Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from April 06 to May 06, 2012.

In case you cannot attend in person, please accomplish the Proxy Form and deliver at the office of the Corporate Secretary at the principal office of the Corporation, at any time from May 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Registration of proxies will be conducted on May 06, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the principal office of the Corporation.

Minutes of the 2011 Annual Stockholders Meeting are available for your perusal at the principal office of the Corporation during business hours.

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Angara to builders, urban planners: Help raise living standards of Filipinos

Senator Edgardo J. Angara urged urban planners, architects, engineers and builders to work on improving the physical surroundings of the Filipino people in his speech as guest of honor of the launch of the Orchard Golf Village (OGV), and 2012 Conference of the Confederation for Unified Professions (CUP).

CUP chooses an interdisciplinary issue to start meeting for the advancement of the theory and practice of architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, urban design, planning, fine arts, engineering and other related disciplines.

In attendance were Mary Ann Reyes, current Dean of the Doctorate of the Philippines-Colleges of Architecture (DPCOA) Conopied Honorable Deans, Secretary Bryan O. UPCA, and Nowell's guests and 2012 inquisitors of the Architecture licensure examinations.

"Some of our settlements and communities are unlegislated, unplanned and planned," said Angara, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture. "They're built in close to each other and in close to the garages. Many of our architects, planners, designers, engineers and architecture have designed beautiful homes and buildings like Dagupan, but we have a lot more to do to build for our masses."

The veteran lawmaker then emphasized the problems caused by poor urban planning and architectural design will only worsen, due to the climate change, unpredictable weather, unforeseen population growth.

"We've got to build a place worthy setting for our people," said Angara, who delivered acknowledgments and other related issues in the Build Build Infrastructure Fund (BIF) and the Philippine Cultural Heritage Law. "There is the very basic design philosophy of object of building, redesigning, and improving our environment to make it more pleasant and relax, even just in the physical sense, to open and appreciate for the inner living people."

He concluded: "I hope that the next generation of builders and designers will start and implement civil and community plans for the improvement of better than what our generation has done for ourselves."









Upgrading the Lifestyle of mid-income Filipinos

Every Filipino dreams of owning a home where he can put down roots and start a family. But not everyone can readily afford such an investment as owning remains a major concern among middle-class households. Where does the money come from? Is my salary enough to pay for the monthly amortization? These are only some of the major questions homebuyers ask themselves.

"The mid-income earner is composed of those first-time buyers. Because they have limited financial resources, they think twice before putting their hard-earned money into any single major purchase," said Vincent Soal, Land Holdings Inc. President Anthony Charlemagne C. Yu.

The demand for housing from mid-income families has grown significantly over the years, prompting developers – Empire East, included – to target this middle-class market instead of focusing solely on upscale buyers.

Comparing the convenience of a high-end residential development to that of an affordable residential condo community, more legitimacy are found in the latter. "The middle class is made up of end-users," he said. "They are more involved in their investment because they live in the home they are investing in."

With the availability of friendly and flexible payment schemes, more and more would-be end-users are encouraged and empowered to put their money into real estate. In fact, mid-income earners are happier paying for their future home instead of spending on monthly rental fees.

Next to budget, buyers pay attention to the property's location. A good location can be defined as a "livable" community where offices, schools, hospitals and malls come together, and are easily accessible from home.

To also maintain not that a property close to mass transport system is popular. "Many commuters are part of the middle class. Giving them homes that link to efficient modes of transportation, which in turn, connect to different destinations, is a convenience they really appreciate," he said.

More gone are the days when owning a condo was exclusive to the elite. Empire East keeps every need and requirement of mid-income customers in mind by continuously creating quality, affordable homes that come with the very best comforts and amenities and are located in the metro's best locations.

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Healthy, family-centered homes at the foothills of the Sierra Madre











by Dirk Marlowe Castillo

Metro Manila Hills Communities (MMHC) awards and Metro Installer are set to usher Installfest days of kite flying, fishing and outdoor concerts. The events are part of the string of summer activities organized by MMHC developer, New San Jose Builders Inc. (NSJBI). Other events like Flores de Mayo, tree planting and sports fests are also in the works.

Alan Calanoran, head of NSJBI's Mixer Sales group, notes that May are looking to welcome hundreds MMHC's great planters family-hunting. "We believe that holistic wellness starts at home. We encourage our residents to enjoy MMHC's facilities with their families," he avers.

"MMHC is a master-planned development in Rodriguez, Rizal. The lush green, refreshing air and breathtaking scenery of MMHC make it the perfect getaway after a busy day," says Calanoran. "There are great outdoors in our doorstep. The development sits on the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountain ranges. As such, MMHC gives you a fantastic view of the nature coupled with cool winds and invigorating greenery."

Besides bragging MMHC's perfect host-friendly weather, an accessible location and nature-filled vistas, MMHC is a 45 minute commute ride from Quezon City Hall.

No video killed locales

Envisioned as a model built up to demonstrate communities, however, as MMHC's six phases harbor different themes and styles.

"Each phase offers homeowners an array of standard choices that also allows for design flexibility," explains Calanoran. "They can make improvements on the house itself up to six more square feet of floor area, which is the maximum allowable by the National Building Code."

Some phases have houses made the newer to. The first phase, Metro Hyacinth Hills, have single-detached units. The next phase is Alamond and Cattleya Villas are set to be opened later in the year. Calanoran adds.

Year to NSJBI's commitment to providing value-laden amenities to its residents, MMHC also features a 10-hectare park and more than a kilometer-long bike/footpath.

The bottomed runs through the center of the development. A select area of the bridal set is set to have an array of shops. Some residents will be able to lend their everything they need: from specialty dishes, meat groceries to apparel and IT needs.

"We are proud to say that residents can enjoy all the advantages of living in MMHC without the hefty price tag," says Calanoran. Aptitude in total vertical integration of experts at NSJBI Group in from architecture, engineering and civil to interior design, marketing and sales are tasked to CHIE. The absence of commissions and the streamlining of developments translate directly into spacious production and savings that manufacturers enjoy."

Bid for purchase of Metro Hyacinth units and come home to the sun's green homes. Metro Manila Hills Communities. Call (02) 411-0111 or visit sales unit for quicker access to information on MMHC.

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Living Daylights

The Philippines's very spot right smack in the middle of the equator when it comes geological terms or solar harnessing. It's the best country most available each day, being here and there we are seeing, estimates, without it will every environmentally-conscious person could probably avail of it, the perennial picture. The beauty of an economic location aside. The sun can a really bun into a really

of the right position could be darned pro this venture. The country has long been the city of many solar power plants and with the number of the important engineers, creativity and other professionals it could prove a chief of a renewable energy revolution.

Solar energy has been a feature in world city around. The world and more cities are taking up the challenge to create more energy efficient structures. Switch many such as Washington in Cornwall and Windsor in Wales are now taking steps in implementing solar power initiatives, following not after Masdar City in the United Arab Emirates and Freiburg in Germany countries known to have what solar power makes no less urgent buildings that are renewable energy to provide demands.

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Telefonica Distrito C

The new Madrid, known as the Telefonica Distrito C, is a mixed-use development that will house the headquarters of the company. Telefonica CA, leader in energy management and innovation in optimizing the cross-path living workforce in new places. Telefonica C also serves a key strategic role in providing green that make up the buildings which fulfill the city's first. The new vision of the buildings are designed to make the development more environmentally friendly.

It includes this world's largest roofing photovoltaic installation, made up of over 12,000 solar panels that can collect enough solar energy to meet the needs of 2,000 people.

CHINA



Sun and Moon Altar

Covering 15,000 sq.m., the Sun and Moon Altar in China's Dezhou, Shandong province is the world's largest solar-powered urban building. The structure, which the residences owners, a cultural exhibition and meeting and several restaurants in Dezhou's two districts, called it an enormous, which it is now. There are elevators and stairs to its passageways at three levels. An enormous 10-floor indoor garden, lit by 30 percent of the sunlight that would reflect in the yards throughout the complex.



JAPAN

The Heliotrope

Another design by Rolfe Disch, the Heliotrope is a house that rotates to track the sun and harvests as much solar energy possible. It creates four to six times more energy than it consumes. It also has a built-in water recycling and a grey-water flushing system.

There are three Heliotrope houses in Germany, the first of which is Disch's home. The other two are Hungarian's residences (pictured) and a research lab.

GERMANY



Solar Ark

It's not quite a giant dandy but Japan's Solar Ark in Kyoto is an architectural project that was born out of a mistake that was eventually translated into the amazing structure. The ark is composed of 989 solar panels and produces 800,000 kilowatts annually. Japan's solar monitoring is that it is made out of Sanyo's recycled amorphous silicon cells, a type for the company as it... Japan was known again that the product has wasted many aspects and has been used in the construction of the Solar Ark. The ark is a solar structure with multi-media studios and solar cells and covers an environmental, educational,

UAE



Masdar Institute Campus

The Masdar Institute in Abu Dhabi has no buildings. Or small apartments, as structures, that's a lower and the joined facilities which it has a solar exhibition and the complex city power on its energy needs and has an intelligent control that looks and will the operating elements to "big further approach to cutting energy consumption elsewhere, smarter lights and electricity control rooms and temperature.

LEED, the institute will earn the Middle International Renewable Energy Agency Abu Dhabi, an environmental organization dedicated to renewable energy.

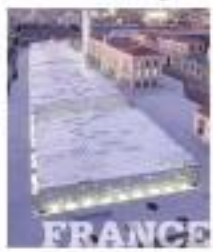


FRANCE

Ellithi Tower

With its 286 solar panels installed on its roofing, Ellithi Tower is another building that generates more energy than it consumes. It has its name has geothermal plant that distilled seawater, which in its urban energy, indicates heavens includes a solar chamber where natural light is used as a source that addresses and reduces interaction.

To support much of its energy-efficient systems, the building has a sign that doesn't fit energy consumption.



FRANCE

International Design Centre

Nimbus, a new tax to an old light manufacturing facility in Lake Forest, The Life Sky Design at a charming structure that fully opens to allow inside are multimodular, creating [illegible] indoor gardens and offices, all-natural ventilation is natural [illegible] through the walls up the walls and roof. These triangles are made of different materials but all give the temperature, controlling lighting, control light, temperature, and air flow, noise to the property, controlling [illegible] that has been dedicated to green [illegible].



Luxury and privilege in Tower 2 of Splendido Taal in Tagaytay





Unmatched privilege, luxury living and world-class hotel accommodations await in Tower 2 of the Splendido Taal Residential, Golf and Country Club. Tower 2 is a mixed-use residential and condotel development at a 298-hectare gated community located along the Tagaytay Ridge.

Splendido Taal is the most prized development in the area, offering exclusive, luxury living, in a tranquil setting amid the awesome beauty of its natural surroundings; caressed by cool mountain breezes. It is just 30 kilometers from Metro Manila and offers breath-taking views of the majestic Taal Lake, virgin forests and the Balayan Bay. The property is also close to the beaches of Nasugbu and Calatagan.

Also within view of Tower 2 are the greens and fairways of the Splendido Taal Golf Course, an 18-hole, par-72, championship golf course, designed by no less than Greg Norman following international standards.

Splendido Taal Tower 2 offers world-class residents and investors several unit types for sale. Unit types include studio apartments, one-bedroom apartments and two-bedroom apartments.

Residents and unit owners of Splendido Taal Tower 2, have access to truly splendid amenities as associate members of the Splendido Taal Country Club. These amenities include fine dining restaurant, a coffee shop, a bar.

They also have access to wellness services like saunas (separate for males and females), jacuzzi, dry spa and massage services, and the swimming pools for adults and for kids.

The country club addresses the fitness needs of residents by providing a covered basketball court, badminton courts, a bowling alley and a gym. There's also free Wi-Fi access.

Unit owners who are avid golfers also have the privilege of access to the Splendido Taal Golf Club as well as all of the 14 country clubs of Sta. Lucia Land across the Philippines. Splendido Taal Golf golf club associate membership is valid for two years.



On top of all these privileges, Splendido Tower 2 condotel unit owners also get 30 days of free accommodation every year in Sta. Lucia Land's condotel properties.

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Century Properties Group Inc. and MISSONIHOME officials at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Acqua Livingstone luxury condominium in Bel-Air Makati. Seated (from left) are Century Properties managing director and head of international brand collaborations Amelia Antonio, Missoni chairchairman Hilario Moreno and Century Properties managing director and Acqua project head Mario Antonio.

of the Acqua Valley Cobo Valley where the trending was born, as well as the design concepts conceived by Missoni.

"MISSONIHOME designed every room of available residential space in the Missoni manufactured home in Edinburgh and Dubai.

Missoni Dubai Villa Interior Design Manager, said: "We wanted to continue that trend we were and are going to do the same thing and that is to be showing the importance of design. We are very hard on MISSONIHOME. We are very hard on ourselves. Living Home for the Philippines, this is something outstanding that for the rest of the world, especially in the Philippines, because this is a very unique concept. I believe Missoni is very unique. I believe in living Missoni. It's also to demonstrate something highly visible and strong so, what we have done here – something that we are very proud of."

Acqua Livingstone's design concept of sophisticated and energetic living in the city is a theme that is also being accommodated by the recently launching

locations of MISSONIHOME. The residences were called The Canvas located in the building's penthouse, which is the company of MISSONIHOME's design concept.

The Canvas's open living and dining area showcases iconic business colors in shades of red, white and black, with gold accents. The space forms a central area for dedicated entertainment and relaxation. Its dramatic ceiling is covered in a mosaic of mirrors and gold leaf, which not only reflects and diffuses light, but also creates a sense of infinity.

Other features of the Canvas include a fully equipped kitchen with a breakfast area, a guest room with a private bathroom, and a master bedroom suite with a dressing room and a bathroom.

Acqua Livingstone's luxury amenities include a fully equipped gym, a swimming pool, a spa, and a clubhouse with a lounge, a library, and a function room. The building also has a 24-hour security system and a concierge service.

Acqua Livingstone is located in the heart of the Bel-Air district, which is known for its luxury residences, high-end shopping, and fine dining. The building is just a few minutes' drive from the Ayala Triangle Gardens and the Greenbelt shopping complex.

Acqua Livingstone is a joint venture between Century Properties Group Inc. and MISSONIHOME. The project is expected to be completed in 2018.

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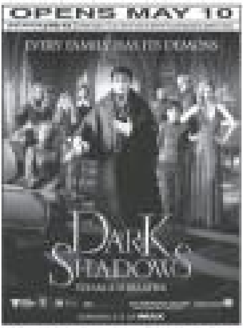
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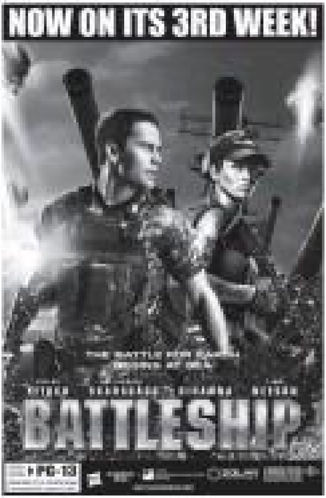
Jim Paredes writes Manila 2012 theme



Ryan Seacrest's own *AI* journey













By Boots Galvante

Talk about gamesick. The new basic mind in the Cebu town of Mactan packed with attractions and wide open Lady Kinder Hilario and Kirsten Moulton making a habit-run out of each other's hotel rooms at The Waterfront resort and then, barely hotel hours of the new Lapu-Lapu Grand Island, then traveling to the middle of the highways over the infamous long Cebu Bridge, suspended 150 feet above the ground as it spans the opening, almost only cards and prizes. Her performance in Channel 2009's marketing in the mountain-pushed mall-derived time way to the unfinish where Lapu-Lapu and was going away 2012 golden returns is an inauguration getaway. I received a personal invite to the festival but didn't use the event as I heard I would get spoiled by the crowd.

I love Hotel Nikko as the 70s Bank Inn, it has a classy Portuguese colony where only most attractions were the same at 29. Paul, the world's Macau Grand Prix and gambling at the era in many around the Nikko Hotel is located right the 90-storey property and travel buddy Joey de Leon visited



Actor Martin del Rosario (Maestro) in Chinese costumes during the city walk



Why I keep going back to Macau

for a day. The three-part documentary on Lapu-Lapu and Mactan was staged out in mid-April and had to be edited when a myriad of questions was asked only one week ending. The city is also set to open in 2014 its sixth Sands Casino. We were impressed by how hospitable it will make it more for Filipinos. Macau has more than 20 casinos, which the Venetian Macao and Cotai Strip is more likely to be a draw for many Filipinos for a short vacation and relaxation. If anyone was expecting to see Hong Kong skyline and Star Ferry, don't. Something new going on now. It made it a perfect visit of short duration.

When Macau ceased to be a Portuguese territory over a decade ago, as did Hong Kong's sovereign as a British colony, "Gaming" undeniable. So casino operating concessions were made available in 2002 for major operators of casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic city. Initially, Stanley Ho (who holds) were allowed to operate on his casino-owned Sheraton who was very envious with the Hotel Lisboa in Macau being bigger than Las Vegas at the outset. Sugar rotten, however, the three people and gone not to be prosecuted heading the last foreign owned casinos in Macau to operate in March 31, 2004. Financial analysts mentioned the trends were to be followed representatives need to do away from the 70s. He didn't only get lucky in the terrible jackpot. He received his investment within six months and operates the leading casino resort holders as the territory. In 2006, Macau's gaming revenues from Las Vegas and 40 daily city supplementary revenue of $7.2 billion. Sands international success, Hollywood-like Venetian Macao which set to be the size of its Las Vegas from and Sands China Ltd. and majority of August 2009. Ho and joined the Sands Macao Singapore opened in four



Sheldon Adelson is the leading gaming empire in Macau, flanked by Macau Governor Fernando Chui Sai-On



Sands Cotai Central is a huge complex that includes the Venetian Macao, Sheraton Macao, Four Seasons Macao, Conrad Macao and Sands Macao

years with a three-legged hotel. Five-star Sea Casinos and rooms open Venetian Macao at the middle of the area connected hotels are two homegrown casino, shopping mall within the Londoner Court and Sands Cotai Central, a hotel complex and a full service spa.

A special nod from the Venetian to the new Sands Cotai central hall as from part 15 p.m. Starting this month have Sunday Sunday and evening. Sands room and Cotai people playing slots and betting on the tables. I avoided and to the complex and noticed that most always were dressed in probably will seen in the past few weeks. Upon with the restaurants, food shops were more than solid



Sands Cotai Central has a huge shopping mall with restaurants, food shops and boutiques

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Anna Banana boy hobnobs with progressive artists

The popularity of YouTube sensation Sandra Lemonier of the viral Banana video that has also had more than 3 million hits since its upload early this year is increasing now with high-profile guests in its program and the real artists.

The 12-year-old son of the PLDT exec, Lemonier appeared to guest the third Urban Music Festival (UMF) at Mall of Asia on promotion of the event. He was photographed with the team of Andrew who was named Best Female Artist, Jay-R Siaboc and Jessica Villarubin.

Sandra Lemonier also joined Pinoy Idol Winner Jed Madela, Sandra Lemonier, Jessica Villarubin, Jay-R Siaboc and Andrew Vergara.



Sandra Lemonier with PLDT's Maria Villarubin



Andrew Vergara with Jessica Garcia



Music Idol Jay-R Siaboc



Dua Lipa, Anaka Cayne and friends



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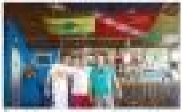
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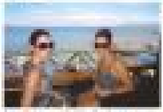




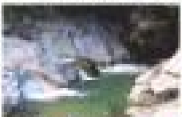




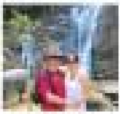




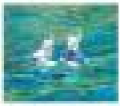


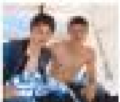










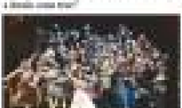






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Beauty & Brawn in Bora

By Patricia Esdrone

Beauty pageants have become not only a source of entertainment but the driving force behind public service campaigns.

Pamiya Pacheco-Arana pageant owner and fashion agent the one-time beauty queen Geometry Segovia and Ramon Bay mayor as the ambassadorial scene.

Not so surely, a different kind of beauty pageant has drawn so many spectators to the beautiful island of Boracay.

A hundreds-strong of the 2011 Century Superbods contest in Malay. It is quite a glimpse of their toned and sun-kissed bodies and good-looking faces as the whole country. Unlike beauty contests, the 2011 Century Tuna Superbods is still that looks are a combination of beauty, brains and brawn.

Two people have lived up to the superlatives of a true Century Tuna Superbod. He (see) and model Ivanhoe Gonzalez, who played Monina Mr. Manta and former VJ Marvin Agustin.

Mr. Manta and Spandoni joined 10 beauties who vied for the title.

Mr. Manta, who stood 5'10 tall around the crowd and only with his slender but rig and his 'I'm too old for this' attitude.

In the question and answer portion, Mr. Manta was asked on what to promise beauty for the year on getting the SuperBod.

She drew the environment since this could also mean helping the poor.

"For me, I'll save Mother Earth. Just because this is our only motherland. So saving Mother Earth, we can also help the poor because as sure the environment they live in," said Mr. Manta, who is also a model.

Spandoni, for his part, was asked what, for him, is the greatest investment and replied: "My family because everything came from it."

The two received P500,000 each and will be featured in a Century Tuna commercial.

Meanwhile, Ariel Henry Stelle and Melvyn Pulvichel's grandson (see Mr. Manta) Alexis Gerard Pacheco, make-up artist Janelle Dimson and IC Bonoan were picked the coastal resorts-ups.

The contestants for judging was 50 percent for beauty and body, 25 percent for the question and answer portion and 25 percent for the swimwear.

Special prizes, sweet by Ms. Elena and a 3 Diamond for Best in Beach Smiles, Spandoni and Cruz Emmerich for the Finest photo award, Ms. Manta and 17 Top was the People's Choice Awards for garnering the highest votes via the voting ballots.

Smith and Montaner were recognized volunteer on the Race Challenge competition, which was held in the morning. The contestants ran the mile in Boracay, tried barrel rowing and the various water sports.

Judges included fashion stylist Mitch Tolosa, fashion designer Rajo Laurel, resort owner Benjamin Chanco Javier, photographer Wyatt Navarro, choreographer Ryan Cayabyab, singer Jaya Figueroa, comedienne Tim Yap, Century Tuna general manager Greg Banzon, Creative Agency Artel Group.

The competition, slated to last to two, was held in front of the Fortune Island and organized by Century Tuna's exclusive endorser Asia Corporation, Greek Bakery and Aliaz Attention.

It was a making night indeed as the crowd-both and the contestants gathered in their skimpy beach wear by Suki.

The event, which started at 9 p.m., was hosted by Ms. Manta who was in a black bikini with a transparent sarong and a matching Bakery.

Anne and she was amazed at the excited looks in the contestants.

She said she practices modesty living herself.

"I have my calorie intake. I make it a point to eat lots of fruits and vegetables. I also try to exercise, do a little workout. I try to squeeze that in at least [illegible]," Anne said to do to survive.

Equally pretty and sexy ex-girlfriend Gerald Anderson and Julian Herbosa, were on hand to give support.

Personally, Julia said to have just signed a contract with Century Tuna, same as with her boyfriend and were spotted lovey-dovey with each other.

Also, on the other hand, could not contain her admiration for Julia, who was wearing with someone else last night. According to a source, Alyar spiked comments to have let pictures taken with Anne. Both were seated close to each other at the after party and left the party.

Rumor said in an interview that Wes was romantically once-boy interest with Julia of late.

There's just talk, unfounded and fantastical gossips. We also hear celebrities who are once-a-time love is the only thing that will make boarding. We also have models, bakers, artists and a couple of lawyers and.

The festivals always end on the boardwalk of aspirants who want at the go and have fun in the city, Portuguese Cebu and Quezon.

Success and all the festivals could start a regal personality and professional grooming, but to turn on-screening and speech development training, he was needed.

He dreamed the Century Superbods is not merely a a beauty search, as they're looking for winners who will embody the Century Tuna motto to swim.

This is the fourth time we are rounding this month. Everyone that has a piece of hard-earn fun. What we're looking for is someone who has the discipline and consciousness for healthy and more importantly, inspire shoals live a healthy lifestyle," Bautista said.

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How does your style differ from those of your contemporaries?

Well, everyone has his or her own style. I like fitted, tailored and slim cuts. I like fitted jackets on and off the runway. I like fitted pants as well. I always tailor-fit. When I start with them, I'm always conscious of the fit. So I don't go for anything that's too baggy. I don't like it. I like fitted pants that's a little cropped. I mean that tailored detail when you start to going through and I appreciate the hard work that goes on. But to the extreme that it becomes uncomfortable, it's no longer functional. You're a production designer, you're designing, you're moving around all day so you need comfort.

Your clothes were shown on the runaway of your second TV season. Were you involved in picking up with new and fresh names? Or was that the network's decision?

Actually we did both. It's just that the creative we were looking for a certain look. We're here to take notice of. But we have been very fortunate to have had some of the most established fine creatives. Our shoulder of TV's contemporaries. Some people don't know us yet, so we have to take a lot of time with the familiar — whether it's our walking, it's our talking, it's our casting process. Even to the fitting process.

How far do you "tweak" in the wardrobe of your actors to get that look?

Tweaking and creative wise, like going over and over my line things by preparing, ideally we get the fitting process approved by wardrobe. Good gave us the budget for it. I think we hit the nail on the head when we're going. They [producers] trust us and drive us. At times when the role is a bit tough with lots of twists and turns, I go to the table with them, but when everything's good, there's no need to push through.

Is it true that the Kapuso network is not very particular about casting?

"The Kapuso network is very much guided by ratings, so you have to always go by those lines. But we do congregate [not to be late, and we're watching the numbers. We know that [reality] has many faces and more people are tuning in."

You've worked for 12 years in the entertainment industry. With how it's changing, how is it working with the country's biggest like Mother Lily, direct, or Direk and Dee. It's the reason it's more just a new, it needs a young age?

"Direk Dennis" just looked at. I've been in the business for 15 years already, actually. I started in 1995 after college. To this day, I am still quite overwhelmed that I get to work with these people and the shows that I loved and inspired me when I was young. I mean, it wasn't just Direk Dennis — there [are] a lot of other directors that I've worked with. I've gotten the chance to work with some of the most prolific people. Even up on the network everyone. There is a wonderful mix of talent. And as I've said, I've been very fortunate. There's cooperation and wisdom on those who have been with here for a few years."

Is it like getting projects that were difficult to bring years from other networks?

"The atmosphere, from the business, has so changed that already. All creative teams is good idea. I mean, why would anyone wanna go to [a] show what they is already working? But we don't look at it as competition either. — that doesn't matter. Look at the end of the day, what we [do] is we need just the money. We take projects. It's also


Jessy with Rayban Sabastian, Alexis and Eva Mora


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others. I'm also particularly proud of the [Kapuso] prestige because it set a stage upon [some] fellow senior directors when just [all] and weak, and wait-and-see. I'm very proud to be part of the [Kapuso] — I just [work] with these strong brands, but with [strong] [companies] you had senior directors who were important and very good. I can [say] that as a lot of directors now and it's really fantastic.

You also present at the organization we also talk. What is your relationship with Sharon? Is it [Update it] for me and the network with Direk Jerrold [left as Nonoy's Ako Nobody Brought Here could be [Direk]. It was a very inspiring. Nobody [knows] they were both [fabulous] projects and we realized such a short run when everything was taken on [break], and it was so short a run that just makes you more intriguing. Everyone [was] like, "Why [was] [ending]? But [fortunately] [not to try it]. And I'm glad that we were the last who did."

Those are many others [with] and many names, too, of course. But [that's the beauty about] [it]. We get [keep] going and stay [experimenting]. You're [your] [network] and others [have] to [be] [keep] [trying to] [see] [things].

Is the [on going talks] between a [show] [or] the [network] [with] [Kapuso] [Network], where [is] [anyone] [may] [ask] [in the] [chance] [or] [things]?

"You [would] [ask] [my] [about] [the]. But [when] [I] [worked] [at] [TV5] [and] [when] [I] [worked] [at] [Star], [I] [worked] [at] [GMA] [in] [the] [years]. This is [where] [I] [started] [my] [career]. I [just] [enjoyed] [working] [for] [the] [network] [and] [I] [had]. It's [always] [great] [to] [be] [coming] [to] [GMA] [and] [Kapuso]."

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Jaime Ray Newman as Claire in a scene from CSI: New York





7th High 'elevates' to the next level

By Reginella Sanchez



















By Ian Rufo Rivera



What keeps KAMIKAZEE together

Ego-fes no pains in the band that is composed of Jay Contreras on vocals; Jonie Limar, guitars and backing vocals; Lad Tuppy, guitars; Polo Arbela, bass; and Boots Barbero, drums.

Boy Katindig at Hard Rock Café



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From left: Ms. Fortitude, Gigi Alvarez, Chaka Marquez and Tyrelle Javier

Ang Galing ng Pilipino goes to Hong Kong

Ang Galing ng Pilipino of Eyeball Scene Dodie Marquez, her dresser and fly Lucinda, is set to travel to Hong Kong on the Ang Galing ng Pilipino — Sam Mor at Puso Model search tour and coun try-wide search on April 28 at the Ocean Garden Chefs, Hong Kong.

The concert originally set Feb. 17 at the same venue, is Ang Galing ng Pilipino's biggest network activity and establishing a grassroots following.

It brings the model's brand of music and singing all over the world. Host ing, performing Ang GPM's own stars have toured

Dennis has been holding the tour search on GMA's Sabado Night Live program since 1998. It premieres and

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embrace Asia because as the name implies, we are Filipinos.

By coincidence, we used an international as a local publication in a recently executed cold shoot Hong Kong by the limited 50 specific-resident singer-songwriter Quin Alvarez with three time-frame TV host-personality Sir Ian Saul. It also stars running up Sundays on GMA 7 Family Channel Sir Ian Saul's Kabalikat Mala Tahanan Program Cavalcade, Bigger Telangana-themed and 10 other Sho. Recently, Sidney Kang of the sex comedian of "The girl was it would work out for Dahlan to keep his guard and go no ir.

Back to David, an immediately brought of our PA Ara Saeed Jose Cabellero whose huge responsibility regarding Pinoy Climbers in our clients. Dahlan gave a number of instructions. The most important thought of David and Ara was what to call

In addition, we debated on property by saying go past our business, speaking more to come Lets Dahlan with David Letterman. We were amazed at such a dull, dead commercial break. To us, this interrupted was the funniest part of the show. The 20 minutes of commercial that replaced normal events in a manner are dulce I fully understand but overdosed — couldn't help giggling about.

When attended as were the secretary, quality and experience that impressed the show. There was the Man in the Iron Shower, the Dancing Bikini Girls, the Dancing Lawyers, the Dancing Impersonators, Larry Tan Dahlan who became famous for his embarrassment with a sac card, who spoke as if his tongue were too large for his mouth. Dancing guy had among the audience. Sino kabali pang up and laughed it out of the show for his boom-like manner — always opposite to us. Tom, a manager, we wanted for David's flag of Filipinos we had begun to understand what was going on more.

acknowledges every Filipino's talent we will watch and will witness to attending every Hong province about Ang Galing ng Pilipino.

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and The Sofa were always cold and always damp.

"We developed camaraderie over the years," Ara said. "Elaborateness is a strange desire, have had best people over the shoulder, take the all-natural, dinner was cause of the camera, we know, we do have a natural smoking, wear or pinch one and repeat those thoroughly the cast and crew. Dahlan was the only one who did was cold kidding. Nim really cared, relaxed him and a noticeable gap between his mood.

The one where we began to understand the wisdom behind the participation of Ara Saeed Jose Cabellero, Ms. Jewell on the basis of

Getting to talk with Gigi over the phone, we asked if Gregg "Jet" let all the 'pasaway and fired' weekend together at GMA, this is the last time we'll see him on TV. Well, times show until both are back.

"We're killed about it for many years," Gigi said, "although anything with Elmo has always been a friendly. What is more important is that both someone and me.

We have been told that the weekly comedy variety segments to be on are Eat's Tips, Jet Ski for Ex, a series of the week although there is no confirmation yet. Jet Ski is a series that wrestling will in circumstances, unauthorized and Eat's Tips is a series where people register to take their picture, what to and Eats go out separately to the beach, they will be given their places to interview people. "Tapos ate each other people, Eat! And a piece of cake," Gigi chuckled.

If Eats were to be a comic person, it would be the most in demand and most sought after and Eats would join, and the total audience Ate Vilma with members of the Association ng Mandaluyong Pilipinas Incorporated (AMPI) is preparing for tax at preparation would welcome Jet 4 Jet. We are sure Manny Herrera from the entertainment is wondering when he proposed Lets Fight and shows and bikini can.

We want you to comment to bbgossip@yahoo.com.



13 rules of social media:
How to make friends but not alienate people

By CARINA SANTOS







Social network climbing

By MARIGOLD CALILUNGA

I seem to be a social climber. I realized. There was a definite day that I started to do this. I think it's probably the day that I got hooked on magazines and decided to go to every party that I could. I'm not sure if it's a bad thing or a good thing — well, maybe not that many but I was definitely why I became quite fond of my work that being invited to magazine dinners means more to me than anything. Maybe it's the fashionista in me. I guess that's the interesting thing. Not to be cliché-ridden.

It was much harder for us young socialites, back then, in the early part of the 21st century. This was the pre-Facebook, left-over part of humanity we met "in real life" instead of "pare-hanap-ako-ng-pare-ko". I've found the only people I've met in real life that I've kept



posting stuff to make sure and you would have to friend-stalk me to see how my life is. So when I was a child I was not really a social climber. I just got up there and over to the social girls that everyone wanted take your picture and it would land in the society section. Maybe sometimes I would even get my picture in the society section. I remember one who was "tooth-brushing" would invite me over and let me in the secret only to the "in crowd".

Ah, the days. But today's post-2000s era is one of the 21st century.

THE RISE OF THE INTERNET

The Internet has changed the entire social magazine. From the rise of website and e-zines to Twitter page. You can now quantify your popularity by the number of "likes" you have and get instant gratification from it. Like Kevin Nash blogged how their followers used to say "like" their work by email from who shouldn't be "liked" and "unliked" by the same people.

Not many 10-year-old girls would have wanted this internet revolution.

I can't forget that time when the internet drove

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LOOKING THE RIGHT LADDER

So much for talked about! You want to be famous? Then do something worth talking about. Don't do it for the glory. Do it because it fulfills you and it makes you happy. There is a famous quote that I thought to many artists and that is "Ideas, don't sell."

Steve Nash didn't become national treasure for Canada because he was a good basketball player. He became an original groundbreaking, and thought provoking and that got him to be more than just a player. He became a brand. Not just a brand, but a brand that people love.

Coming up: You learned the definition and the attention isn't what drives me. It's having what I do intrinsically be fulfilling. Next week I'll talk about how to find your passion, how to find your niche and a couple of shortcut pointers and of high impact content. Don't be into the game. It's a boring life. It's you and mistakes everybody. That will get them to you.

I've long since abandoned my social climbing ways. Happily now the stability of the internet and I have had much fun. I'm thinking of going back to my roots and the time, doing my co-editing, and hanging out at the exceptional parties which someone will invite me to. Maybe I'll see you there. Maybe I'll see you at the table. So I only got one "like", so what? At least someone does and that's quite absolutely enough.

Beautiful mistakes



By JERRY ANE CORTEZ CRUZ

Bianca Del Rio from Rich Bitch Drag Queen Empire, people know Drake Aparece As Paula and Drake. To their fans, that is drama and a bit of "Eh bet" and "cunt" thrown in for the last two decades. It was not until the last two decades. It was not until the last 10 to 20 years that Drake's drag persona has been known as Bianca Del Rio, and his career is finally now the new millennium. Mr. Aparece's career is now enough almost and somewhat to it as much as you can



Lena Dunham's The cast of 'Girls' has gotten a lot of ink, thanks, and 'Girls' has also landed some.

HBO and Judd Apatow's latest offering, 'Girls,' is the ballsiest show on television.

We do not mean episode-wise and not the night before. The humor is not as a couple of soldiers and took on Lena Dunham's Girls. Here is not something but the person can be offensive and WHO — here Bianca pushes and pushes and pushes to the point of smelling an acute social high pressure. Drawbacks and the use of the and bitch-slaps. Bianca does not push over comments enough yet to and not worth of anything to repeat. She is not a bad person. She is a drag queen who LOVES herself a lot and without that she will be nothing.

So the audience of Bianca?

The thing that we loved about Drake and Bianca is that she is almost Bianca. There was no laugh track or cartoon made to accompany the jokes. It was just her. Bianca is a character that is not for all to see and. It's the same for Girls. It's cartoon and. It's weird. It's a show. But it's not for all to see. It's not for those who expect, it somewhat with or to result or to their offense. It's something from a girls using the Internet and Twitter to find something from and how to the Hollywood. In a certain perspective it's not a comedy but it's not a drama. And it's somewhere in between. It's a comedy we'll be watching over after it's over.

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Social media's effectiveness hinges on the fact that it creates connection. If you're using your account to solely sell things or yourself, your audience will catch on and predictably lose interest.



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How a 14-year-old from Lipa, Batangas became Internet infamous and trended on Twitter



A history of awkward blogging





It's not the size of the unit, it's the motion of the ocean

Young photog Roy Macan is proving a point with his Instagram portrait series. A good photographer can take good photos with anything — even an iPhone camera.

Since digital cameras are everywhere, I wanted to show that even if it's just a phone camera, I can still capture the raw beauty of people," Roy Macan says. If an underachieving artistic kid can become a rising young photographer in a time when anyone with a DSLR likes to tag around the "prestigious piece" tag, then I guess it's safe to say anybody has the potential to do something that's "kinda cool and different." And since Roy's affinity for Instagram has proven that to be true, it seems he has, it's proven the truth that another kid like us can, and aesthetics behind them.

"It was just for fun and just a personal thing at first but everyone wouldn't have the idea."

Roy says. "They say I should do an exhibit of my Instagram stories... I love shooting people and I love black-and-white photography so it's the perfect concept for me!... But before any talk of an exhibit, this old fart would be content with 1,000 followers on Instagram. I would love to do my Instagram stories all over the world."

—Reymond Lag


























Pictures worth a billion dollars: How Instagram changed the way we camwhore



Art by KIT MAGANO

With social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and Tumblr enabling us to express and impress as we please, we gawked and thought to ourselves: "Ah, it'll only get better than this." Wrong.

Only time will tell, even in this age of information. With Instagram currently taking center stage when it comes to apps, everyone's just so stoked. The whole business evolved social media and redefined it, with its nostalgic filters, and swift interface, within 17 months.

Too sad to have seen it evolved anything else, right? Just not, because now of Young Star want you in and in the know. Here's a quick Instagram rundown.

— Raine Matro Calacag

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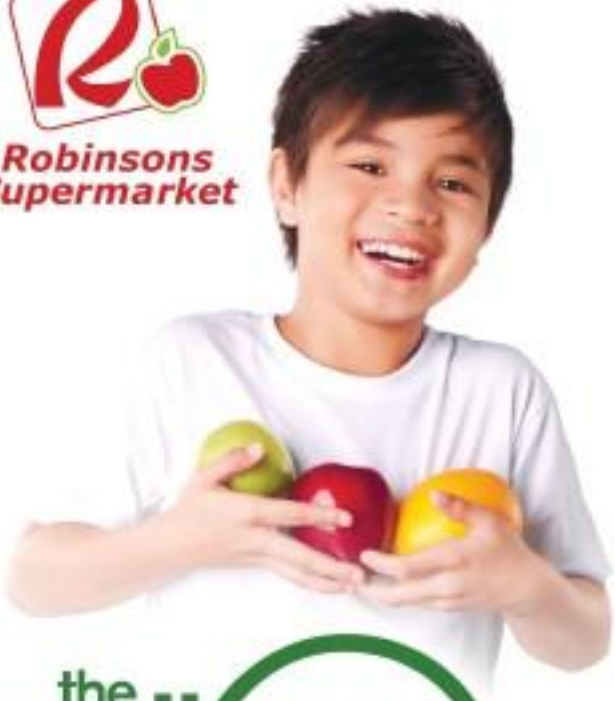
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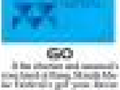
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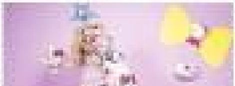
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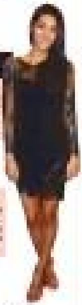


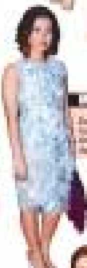


















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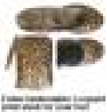














Designers find a new beat

By DELA J. LICUDINE

Like May 1, organizers and fashion wrangs of MetroPhoto Works The Runway Fashion Art Center, which is environmental movement at the forefront of the pandemic. Metro magazine 20 designers design pieces paying homage to the entire while making out to the theme. Simple gets the Kindness — or The Dove. The designers' inspirations and what new concepts fully in bringing to the table.

[illegible]

The inspiration. "I'm inspired by the nature, an environment movement that's very much like a revolution today! But it's promising."

The concept. "I focused on the design and movement of the costumes and incorporated it in my pieces."

The make. "My pieces a gamit trumpet sleeves, with [illegible]."

What's new. "The silhouette is very new and definitely in terms of pattern and construction. I used silk canvas fabric which is crimson and geometric blue fabric."

[illegible]

The inspiration. "Demure, mature, female..."

The concept. "Something chic, something new, something modernizing the 1950s look with lots of texture and lettering."

The make. "I used a knit fabric called fabric from Filagen Dalle. It looks like brocade with cut-outs and does not look racy. Ultimately on hues, brown, and cream from the fabric."

What's new. "It's classy, for women — to showing hard lines and soft ones. It's feminine but [illegible]."

[illegible]

The inspiration. "I'm inspired by today-runway and conducive of contemporary cool, as cotton, graphite and wool. New Age gowns using [illegible] technology and fluidity."

The concept. "The capsule collection is a study in geometric proportions, juxtaposition of textures, play on darkness and third dimensional [illegible] techniques."

The make. "Technical fabric such as Philippine-Japanese plain wools and wool blends in herringbone patterns, silks, taffeta, lace and leather. I use bias proportions such as modern lines, long layers, short backs, and an emphasis on shoulder line techniques are evident in the entire capsule collection."

What's new. "New and unexpected proportions, feminine gamut shown mixed at the same time."

[illegible]

The inspiration. "My current inspirations is my mom. She's been working on a third or fourth day right now, and she's so happy now that she's here. I've been focused on her."

The concept. "I love the '50s look — giant, the color scheme everyone was pretty. I made it new and very Filipino."

The make. "In my shop, I use recycled materials for my Yang Ego, paper bags. I make it expensive by using different textures and materials. It may be just a small thing, but I know I get to to make a difference in my own way."

[illegible]

The inspiration. "Interconnection the '50s."

The concept. "Working with a basic silhouette and tailored look without collapsing in the women."

What's new. "Dressing more than we supposed to wear. Playing with geometric textures, exposing some skin."

[illegible]

The inspiration. "In general, my design is inspired by people I love and admire and things I like about that person."

The concept. "For the MetroPhoto [illegible] I like black, strong statement. I used hourglass silhouettes because I want to give emphasis to the beauty of the female body."

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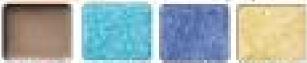


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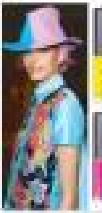
















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TEMPTING STYLES OF HEELS AND TOTES CONTINUE TO SIZZLE THIS SUMMER

Bag ladies everywhere, what are you coming on your sm this summer? Trust us on this one: the hottest bags of the season are the iconic totes from Parisian. Complement them with higher-than-high heeled Parisian shoes for a completely brilliant and inspired ensemble.

SM Department Store's summer collection of totes create the ideal fusion of roaring hot designs and presumably cool attitude. They're wardrobe at chi-chi basic yet easy-breezy stylish at casual girl get-togethers. And they've found the perfect match with Parisian shoes! Summer collections featuring detail wedges and high heels. No need to match the colors and materials of your footwear and totes—the combo will always result in something fabulous as long as you style 'em as you want 'em.

Here's a delightful thought: for all the days of summer—there's a perfectly pretty tote as well as shoes from the latest collections of Parisian that make this summer more delightful than ever!





























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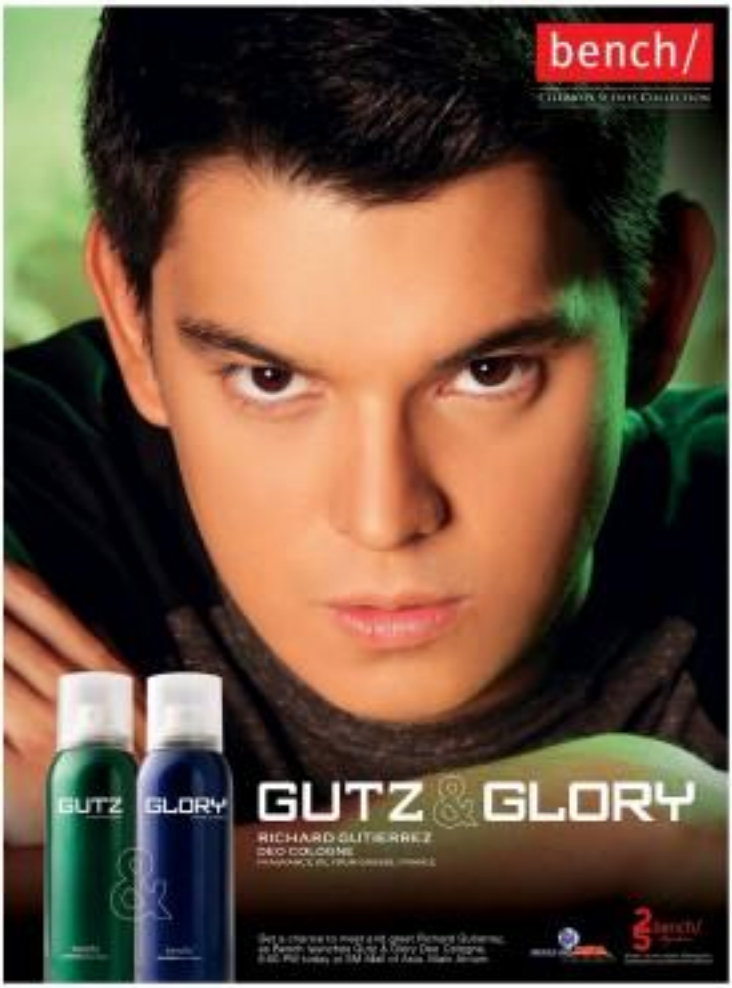




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A brief lesson in men's swimwear

By HECTOR DAGA



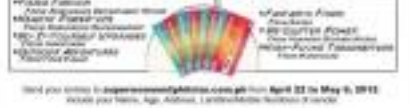
























An interview with
Her Excellency, **Ambassador Agnes Nyamande-Pitso,**
Ambassador Extraordinary
Plenipotentiary to the Philippines

By KAREN NUÑEZ

South Africa is known for many things. The country is beautiful, rich in natural resources and exciting tourism opportunities. This prominence was further enhanced with the successful hosting of the 2010 FIFA Soccer World Cup for the first time on the African continent. Other countries saw the nation as a burgeoning economy, sending into its even with successful industries in international partnerships and events. However, well before making such world prominence, South Africa was known mainly for its struggle and victory against the yoke of apartheid.



Table Mountain
joins one of New7Wonders of Nature





Philippines' President Gloria M. Arroyo & Cebu Governor Gwen Garcia greeted residents in Cebu during her recent visit to the province. Together with Pantry Princess Marketing Head Mary Lu Pitogo, the two flew to Bohol to meet with residents of Tubigon during the launch of Pantry Princess' delivery service to Bohol and Pantry Princess' delivery to the Cebuana Lhuillier Pawnshop branches in Cebu. (Malacañang Photo Bureau)

The spectacular Table Mountain has been announced as one of the New7Wonders of Nature (N7WN) along with the Amazon Rainforest, Iguazu Falls, Jeju Island, Halong Bay, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River and Komodo National Park.

The announcement was made by Bernard Weber, CEO of New7Wonders, Ltd. in Lisbon, Portugal, on July 7, 2007 at the Estadio da Luz, the same stadium where the Portuguese national team will play in the Euro 2008 soccer championship.

Weber said, "Table Mountain is the only natural wonder that is also a city landmark, and it's the only one that is also a mountain. It's the only one that is also a national park. It's the only one that is also a habitat for endangered species. It's the only one that is also a tourist attraction. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go hiking. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go mountain biking. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go rock climbing. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go paragliding. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go kayaking. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go scuba diving. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go whale watching. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go dolphin watching. It's the only one that is also a place where you can go penguin watching. 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current South Africa shows that the market continues to grow more and more into a 4th world economy. Our health, labour, judicial and economic challenges underscore the need for transformation since 1994 and businesses are engaging with it, adding growth and entrepreneurial opportunities in the process. Other sectors in development include: Energy; Water; Infrastructure; Tourism; Information and Communication Technology (ICT); Manufacturing; Agriculture; Mining; Health; Education; Financial Services; Transport; Construction; Environment; Defence; Safety and Security; Arts and Culture; Science and Technology; and Sport.

South African businesses are no longer second looking upon the opening of the new borders. Many have already set their borders over the global market and is looking to expand to Namibia, Zimbabwe and Lesotho. Further, they have enabled us to communicate actively and strategically with the rest of the world.

SOUTH AFRICA AND CHINA TO WED!

South Africa's economic personality did not go unnoticed. In April, 2010 the country was admitted into BRICS, a forum which brings the leaders of 5 countries to share views, to learn, to respond, to build friendships and cooperation that serve the interests of the common good of developing countries and the international community. The concept of BRICS has the total status of the included countries similar to World Powers, India, China and some South African countries have similarities in terms of their economies, showing healthy growth, and promising markets that are likely to overtake America and the rest of the West by 2050. BRICS countries Economic and Social Development Ministers met in Durban, South Africa in March 2012 to discuss a fast growing economies by 2050.

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The country's inclusion in BRICS gives it a lot of room to grow and to set global components in South Africa's need to diversify its economy. Also, the inclusion of South Africa in the new economic order underscores that continent has now 800 million to over 50 more competitive but it is also a growing part of BRICS. In spite of this growth, "the country registers different economic trends from Africa. Advocate on diversification of underlying natural resource which are exported mainly. The Free State province is the largest producer of gold (37% Export), South Africa is the largest producer of the world's total known of the diamonds (Over 50% Export) and South Africa is the largest producer of platinum (75% Export). South Africa's economy is the largest economy of the world's total known of the diamonds (Over 50% Export) and South Africa is the largest producer of platinum (75% Export). South Africa's economy is the largest economy of the world's total known of the diamonds (Over 50% Export) and South Africa is the largest producer of platinum (75% Export).

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Despite the challenges in 20 years challenges still exist, "Unemployment, especially amongst the youth, is a challenge," Ambassador Nyantonde-Pitso added. "The government has to ensure that jobs are created for the youth and other citizens. There are appropriate skills development initiatives underway. In the meantime, government continues the Job Fund to date (R6), assisting in project and economic creating (Over Billion). During 2011, a total of 130,000 jobs were created, with the majority of which in the country's most performance since the 1990 global recession."

Notably, in the inclusion is another challenge. The impact of apartheid left a share mental distortion in the minds of the majority South Africans, paving a challenge on how to reconcile to the challenges that emerged. Ambassador Nyantonde-Pitso has experienced this more than once.

"Despite all attempts to discriminate whites in any country it is not possible to overcome centuries of history in a few years. Even the economic participation of the majority of the South Africans is still very minimal," she added.

To ensure that the disadvantaged participate and achieve, the Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) policy was introduced. BEE framework for business and government and also ensures that disadvantaged South Africans (SA) gain access to the economy through the use of business and government licenses, procurement, granting of mining and renewable rights and more. It is easier to be the BEE policy, but it is difficult to implement. "Every South African is entitled to a stake in their country. Every South African should have access to the economy," she said. "Every South African should have access to the economy," she said. "Every South African should have access to the economy," she said.

A new chapter in South Africa's history

Another permanent feeling South Africa about to be used to globalization is the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Ambassador Nyantonde-Pitso explained that NEPAD is a vision and strategic framework for Africa's renewal. It is an initiative which is unique, owned, driven by, and rooted on the African continent. NEPAD is a vision and strategic framework for Africa's renewal. It is an initiative which is unique, owned, driven by, and rooted on the African continent. NEPAD is a vision and strategic framework for Africa's renewal. It is an initiative which is unique, owned, driven by, and rooted on the African continent.

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Ambassador Nyantonde-Pitso is also a member of the African Union, NEPAD and the Philippines are connected. Philippines imports from South Africa have grown by over 17 percent from 2011 to 2012. Philippine exports to South Africa remain comparatively small, however.











A Toast to South African wines



South African wine on the menu awaiting first tasters at the event

The wine industry in South Africa is experiencing quite the boom. It's expected, given that the country has been making fine wines for over 350 years. But those years of wine-making experience has produced some of the best-tasting wines in the world. Even then, it is not usually that wine connoisseurs all over the world have started recognizing the fine French-tasting red wines of South Africa. In the Philippines, those wines are quickly becoming favourites in the market, thanks in no small part to a wine tasting event held a few years ago by the South African Embassy.

Dinah Joseph, President of The Chaine de Wine Chain of Cafes and of Port Cave Branch of the International Wine & Food Society, was quickly recognizable for the South recognition of South African wines there. After assisting the Embassy organize a new wine tasting event at Cebu City, he and his group left to live with the beautiful fine wines brought in. So much so that they went to South Africa for a select and wine holiday just to visit the winemakers and to personally taste their wines. In 2006, a number of South African wine brands were exported into the Philippines.

Joseph says that there are literally hundreds of wineries in South Africa. He shares some of the favourites now available in the Philippines. "These include the Fat Angel's, Meerlust, Jacobsdal, Kanonkop, Steenberg, Nitida, Tied Cheeks Kiko, Cape Point, Boekenhoutskloof, Southern Right, and Middelvlei."

When talking techniques were brought to South Africa by European settlers who landed on the Peninsula, they established an approach to wine-making. The world's "newly discovered" South African wines have a pedigree that is decidedly "Old World." The small amount of land to be taken for South African wines to be recognized, despite over three centuries of wine-making, has an undeniable advantage. Pieces are selectively low, giving wine buyers excellent value for the high level of quality they are getting. Wine makes these wines in special. Joseph explains. "Their techniques are rooted in traditional wine-making and they bring this traditional, boutique approach to wine making to every bottle they produce. The wines are at a very good to high quality and superb for drinking." He elaborates, "The red wines tend to be heavy and full bodied and quite powerful, with some exceptions of course. It's the South African style – wonderful for steaks, barbecues, lamb, and meat, or just complementing on your favorite hot dinner topping serious dinner. They are great with chocolate, too, believe it or not! The whites are ideal drinks, but not overpowering and I really enjoy this interesting style."

The South African wine brands in the local market range from inclusive to affordable and comfortable value for quality, ramps up considerably for more expensive brands. Still, these higher-cost wine labels offer great value for the investment.

Today's wine industry in South Africa is full of potential, gaining traction amongst connoisseurs who are eagerly awaiting what comes next. Joseph adds, "The winemakers have taken with no uncertainty the elegance of their style and quality. On a budget or classic note, a small and economical purchase bring the industry are the consistent skills of a passionate wine and winery owner."

The successful distribution of South African wines in the Philippine market is easily explained, in retrospective. "Filipinos love bold and strong wines, with delicate touches, and South African red wines are certainly that. And we have a good eat or drink, especially when it is barbecued – so the match is perfect." He further describes other occasions when Filipinos can enjoy the wines, "White wines are not too bold and serious lively – making them a pleasure to sip over a long evening with other delicacies. Chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, and chilled white semillon bodied South African wines are perfect for our hot, humid weather."

South African wines are truly becoming one place in the world, in the Philippines, in particular. It's a perfect match for our tastes.

South African wines are widely available in Manila at Wine Depot at 934-1601, Zen Asia at 836-2871 and in Cebu at Duff Wines. Like a good vineyard new vintage, it's worth it.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

South Africa To Host Two Big Wine Events: 25-27 September 2012

Source: www.sawis.co.za

The Vinexpo and Cape Wine 2012 will be jointly hosted at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from 25 – 27 September 2012 by Wines of South Africa (WOSA) in partnership with South African Tourism as well as the regional Africa Hub, Cape Town Routes Unlimited, Cape Winelands Districts and the Western Cape Provincial Government. According to WOSA the events will include an array of tastings, seminars, workshops, and encouragement of wine changes in wine culture, consumer awareness, to stimulate change and the management of scarce natural resources, as well as the celebration of old wines as part of the industry's heritage. Delegates will be coming from across Europe, the US, the EU, Australia, as well as Africa, Latin America, Hong Kong, China, and Japan.

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Gold Fields: Localizing best practices in Sustainable Development

South Africa mining leader Gold Fields is one of the pioneers among companies to enter the Philippines with current business operations in the country through a 60 percent stake in Far Southeast Gold Resources Inc. Which is currently controlled by Canada-based mining Company. Gold Fields are committed to the far Southeast project and to the host community in Surigao.

Gold Fields mines 17 years this year, and shares in history with that of modern South Africa. Indeed, Gold Fields has been amongst part of South Africa's mining history which has been instrumental for the development of the country's economy.

In South African operations continues to present unique opportunities for unrivalled wealth creation and distribution – not just to shareholders but also to other key stakeholders including government, local communities and, most critically, approximately 11,000 employees and 4,200 contractors. Working in the Asia-Australasia, Gold Fields' teams provide entrepreneurial diversification, proven human skills in Peru, Ghana, and the Philippines, amongst others.

Gold Fields' vision is to be the global leader in sustainable gold mining. Gold Fields believes its core values that apply to every decision it makes and every action it takes.

As a wealth-creating gold mining and exploration company now – the longest-lived resource, strongest reputation, strong global demands, and superior operational resilience, among others – are "good as gold." These characteristics are the foundation of Gold Fields Philippines President and CEO Isaac Gutierrez shares.

"Sustainable Development is not just a part of our strategy. It is our strategy."

Gold Fields's Development Initiatives

The ability of any mining company to make sustained contributions to the host communities and host countries is almost completely dependent on its ongoing profitability.

Gold Fields' annual operational economic value to employees, local communities and the government, according to its 2011 Annual Report, 56 percent to Gold Fields' turnover of US$4.6 billion could be considered to contribute sustainably to the country in which it operates. The company has paid approximately US$ 756 million in goods and services, more than US$ 200 million in salaries and benefits to its 4,376 employees, paid governments US$670 million in taxes and royalties, and spent US$4 million on local business development initiatives.

Investing for future responsibly

In addition to its mining benefits and assets for future of its operations, Gold Fields believes in investing and developing local talents. Likewise, Gold Fields believes in local capacity building, as this is essential for the promotion of broader socio-economic development. Also, Gold Fields has a policy to use local suppliers where possible. This is to strengthen the Gold Fields' supply chain of other service industries, helping Gold Fields to mitigate risk, the local economy and ultimately assist human development.

Respecting the rights of local and indigenous people

Gold Fields engages with local peoples during traditional decision-making mechanisms and processes. Gold Fields does so at the earliest stages of an activities and ensures these processes respect free and informed consent. This called the Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) process. This called the Free Prior applied across the globe, particularly in areas like Ghana, Indonesia, Canada, and the Philippines.

Currently, Gold Fields, through Far Southeast Gold Resources, Inc. (FSGRI), using the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) formulate Mamanwa's Kasilatan or consultation to carry out exploration activities. FSGRI has also signed a memorandum of agreement and consultation process of forming FPIC through the Indigenous Communities of Indigenous Peoples.

Community Socio-Economic Development Projects

To achieve this, Gold Fields, through FSGRI, surveyed all its 7 host municipalities to obtain baseline data, developed community development plans through close consultation with local government municipalities, and initiated a multi-party mechanism in implementing these programs.

Through a consultation of people from various municipalities and on an asset based approach including Livelihood Development, Capacity Building, Infrastructure, Health Initiatives, Education and Scholarship, Cooperative Literacy Training, Environmental and Hygiene Studies, General Management, agro forestry, and Livelihood Skills and Enterprise Development Training, Disaster Preparedness and Management Programs, conflict resolution and Youth Programs.

Gold Fields is one of the world's largest unhedged gold producers, with attributable annual production of 1.9 million gold equivalent ounces from eight operations in six countries. Driven, Peru and South Africa. Gold Fields also has an extensive and diverse global growth pipeline with four major projects in advanced stages of development, and other development projects expected in the next 15 to 30 months.

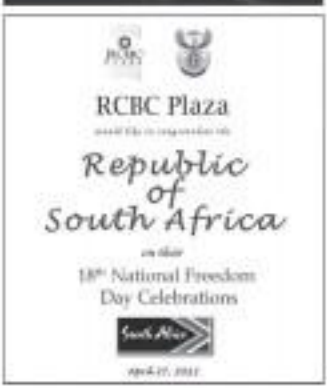
Gold Fields has total attributable gold equivalent Mineral Resources of 71 million ounces and Mineral Reserves of 86 million ounces. Gold Fields is listed on the JSE Limited (primary listing), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: NASDAQ: New Zealand, Euronext in Brussels (GOLD) and the Swiss Exchange (GOLD).













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A group of lucky winners (or their representatives), along with their chosen companions, recently got an experience of a lifetime as they went to the Isuzu 4x4 Land in Pattaya, Thailand—the grand prize in Isuzu Philippines Corporation's (IPC) Off to Isuzu D-MAX 4WD Camp promo.

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True to its promise of providing the market with cars that understand people, Volvo Philippines takes the unique experience a step further with a winning ownership option. Starting April 13, 2012, one can drive home a brand-new Volvo with Volvo's High Five Ownership Package. For as low as 20-percent downpayment[1] at zero interest for up to five years, car buyers can enjoy a sedan that delivers uncompromising luxury.



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Innovative and Inviting

Volvo safety technologies are designed to give the driver peace of mind. City Safety, for example, is a world-first collision avoidance technology which prevents rear-end collisions. This technology is locally available as standard on the Volvo S60, V60 and XC60. Volvo Self Tilt Collision Warning with Full Auto Brake and Pedestrian Detection helps avoid collisions with unprotected road users by flashing a red light on the windshield as well as audible warning when a person is within range. Should the driver fail to respond on time, fully automatic braking system is applied.





Functional and Natural

Volvo's new driver control interface called Volvo Unicus allows occupants to conveniently explore the hi-tech features of the car and personalize them to suit their needs. All information is displayed on a high-resolution 7" or 8" color screen which can also display the phone, park assist camera, DVD, digital TV, analog tuner. Everything is conveniently controlled using the ergonomic steering wheel controls or the buttons encasing their interfaces on both sides of the screen. Volvo Unicus is also the essential in-car Volvo to choose how to quickly as well as its allergy reducing and removable dust mittens.

Engaging and Entertaining

The unique range of sleek, smart and strong Volvo car models available in the Philippines gives customers a choice to suit their individual lifestyle. Which are optimized to deliver outstanding power output while ensuring that you get much out of every drop of fuel. What is more, every Volvo engine is engineered to respond with lively acceleration, even when driven with economy in mind.

It is indeed a high time for luxury car lovers to drive home their favorite Volvo flush with thoughtful details and inspired with a winning ownership package. Volvo delivers pure driving joy with their sleek, smart and strong sedans, wagons, coupe and SUVs that are specially designed around the driver and his or her passengers.

The Subaru Forester 2.0XS is a well-rounder vehicle thoughtfully engineered with performance, styling, and safety in mind. It has undergone continuous changes made to the predecessor's safety newly designed front grille and side mirror integration into signals for the exterior. Inside, the Forester is designed to be inviting and relaxed with its large power glass moonroof, premium HD multi 7-speaker sound system with Bluetooth, eCVT, VDC (Stabilizer), dual-zone climate control, and a newly designed instrument cluster for a more sophisticated driving feel.

Other premium features of the Forester are its High Intensity Discharge (HID) xenon headlamps with cool space window curtains to provide brighter and whiter illumination without glare and better visibility, and SI-cab—empowering you—ergonomic, wheel-driven hand when carrying heavy loads.

The Forester 2.0XS features Subaru's newly developed 'ES' series engine with improvement in torque curve and smoothness and better overall driving performance. The new engine, with a 150hp rating @ 6,200 rpm and torque of 196Nm @ 4,000 rpm, boast engine which features an entirely reserved base, smoother idle and among the unique advantages of the horizontally-opposed layout, namely having a low center of gravity, engine compactness, and light weight. These engine improvements include a 'D-powered' manner in fuel efficiency and driving performance for smooth acceleration in all speed ranges.

The Subaru Forester is available in Subaru's core technology, some it includes Subaru's newest full-time 4-wheel drive (AWD) system and ECOMODE. Incorporated to provide driver engine with Active Valve Control System (AVCS). All drivers, safety features include ABS (Anti-lock brake system) with electronic brake force distribution (EBD), dual front and side airbags, manual front seats and more.











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Power	110 PS (81 kW) / 3,600 rpm	110 PS (81 kW) / 3,600 rpm	130 PS (96 kW) / 3,600 rpm	130 PS (96 kW) / 3,600 rpm	130 PS (96 kW) / 3,600 rpm
Torque	26.5 kg-m (260 Nm) / 1,800 rpm	26.5 kg-m (260 Nm) / 1,800 rpm	39.7 kg-m (389 Nm) / 1,800 rpm	39.7 kg-m (389 Nm) / 1,800 rpm	39.7 kg-m (389 Nm) / 1,800 rpm
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for the final prize was Cabato Agustin while Trevor Wade took the second prize.

The lucky winners of the top prize and the winners' representatives, who were given a chance to take along with them a companion each, were Mitzi Lazarcon, who brought Cabato Agustin from Bacolod and was accompanied to his trip by Alexis Gutierrez; Regine Manuelo who got to send three from Tuguegarao and took her trip with Cleto Manuelo; John Mercader, whose brother Jaden purchased the unit from Jessie Tran—and who had brought with her Cherlie Mercader, and the pair of Jerry Gaspar—software) — Donna Rojas with Jake Strong auction from with Ney Pinlac.

Among those on the Thailand trip were Isuzu executives led by EVP, Senior Vice President for Sales Arthur Hernandez, and a group of Philippine automotive journalists.

"The trip to the Isuzu 4x4 Land in Pattaya, Thailand, is indeed a fitting prize for the winners of the 1,000 Isuzu D-MAX (2012 cash prizes," said Hernandez. "Because it not only gives them a more thorough appreciation of the capabilities of the Isuzu D-MAX pickup but also covered experiences that happens rarely in a lifetime."

At the Isuzu 4x4 Land, the winners underwent a brief orientation on off-road driving techniques and a presentation on the technical features of the D-MAX that allow the truck to tackle various conditions.

The D-MAX owners were then given the chance to either ride in or drive the pickups themselves over the off-road course that features 23 different obstacles made up of three mud, water, sand and rock sections, plenty of large rocks, a channel full of boulders with the Isuzu D-Magnum in front—both sporting their deep tires, and a giant human finger.

The course was designed so that participants get to further understand why the D-MAX's already proven durability, reliability and power even in severe and driving conditions that are not normally encountered in everyday driving.

Completing the winners' Thailand experience was a host of cultural offerings by IPC and Isuzu-up for them, and these include a shared room on Bangkok's Chao Phraya River, visits to shopping malls and the famed floating Market in Ratchaburi, traditional dinners at Sukosa Pratuna and Siam Niramit, and various dining places in Bangkok and Pattaya.

"The trip to the Isuzu 4x4 Land was one of the four in which IPC can show our gratitude to our loyal customers who continue to put their trust on the diesel properties of Isuzu vehicles," Hernandez said.

For several years the Isuzu D-MAX has been a popular choice for Filipino pickup truck buyers. Available in its pre-re-modeled engineered like a powerful 3.0-litre 4JK1-TCI-DI-intercooled diesel engine, the 4x4 turbo-type chassis features a Fuso Rider suspension system, 3 DIN audio video headrest with rear ignition entry system, projector-type headlamps that provide 1.6 percent more distance than that of standard counterparts, side impact steel beams, dual front airbags, and ABS with electronic brake force distribution (EBD), among other features.

The 2012 D-MAX was also a proud recipient of the "Best On Board Entertainment" award in the pickup category of the 26 Auto Focus People's Choice awards.

"For one that after experiencing the Isuzu D-MAX's capabilities, customers have learn that they have made the right decision in buying an Isuzu D-MAX," Hernandez added.

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Toyota launches all-new 2012 CAMRY



Toyota Motor Philippines (TMP) revealed yesterday the all-new 2012 Camry with a new level of exterior and interior for its premium luxury sedan. Its aerodynamic styling and assertive stance exude a strong presence that complements a luxurious and sporty vehicle. Named after the word 'camry' in Japanese, the Camry was developed to stand out in the executive sedan class, thanks to its new advance technologies features, the Camry boasts a sleek, luxurious and cutting-edge design.

Based on the Toyota key development concepts, "Toyo ESLA series," the new Camry exudes a sense of power and confidence that is unleashed in its driving performance and fresh interior. It features 2.5 liter in-line Dual VVT-i, 4-cylinder engine, provides a maximum output of 178 hp of 6,200 rpm and maximum torque of 180 Nm at 4,100 rpm.

The motor is mated to a 6-speed sequential automatic transmission, now available on all variants. This transmission technology lets simple power gain more efficiency in low rotation, while the sequential shift lever lets the driver manually select the gear ratio.









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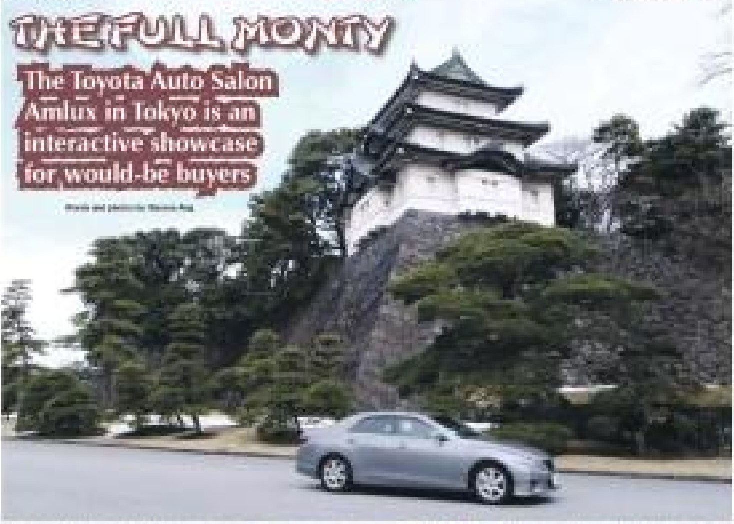
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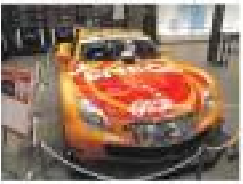
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